

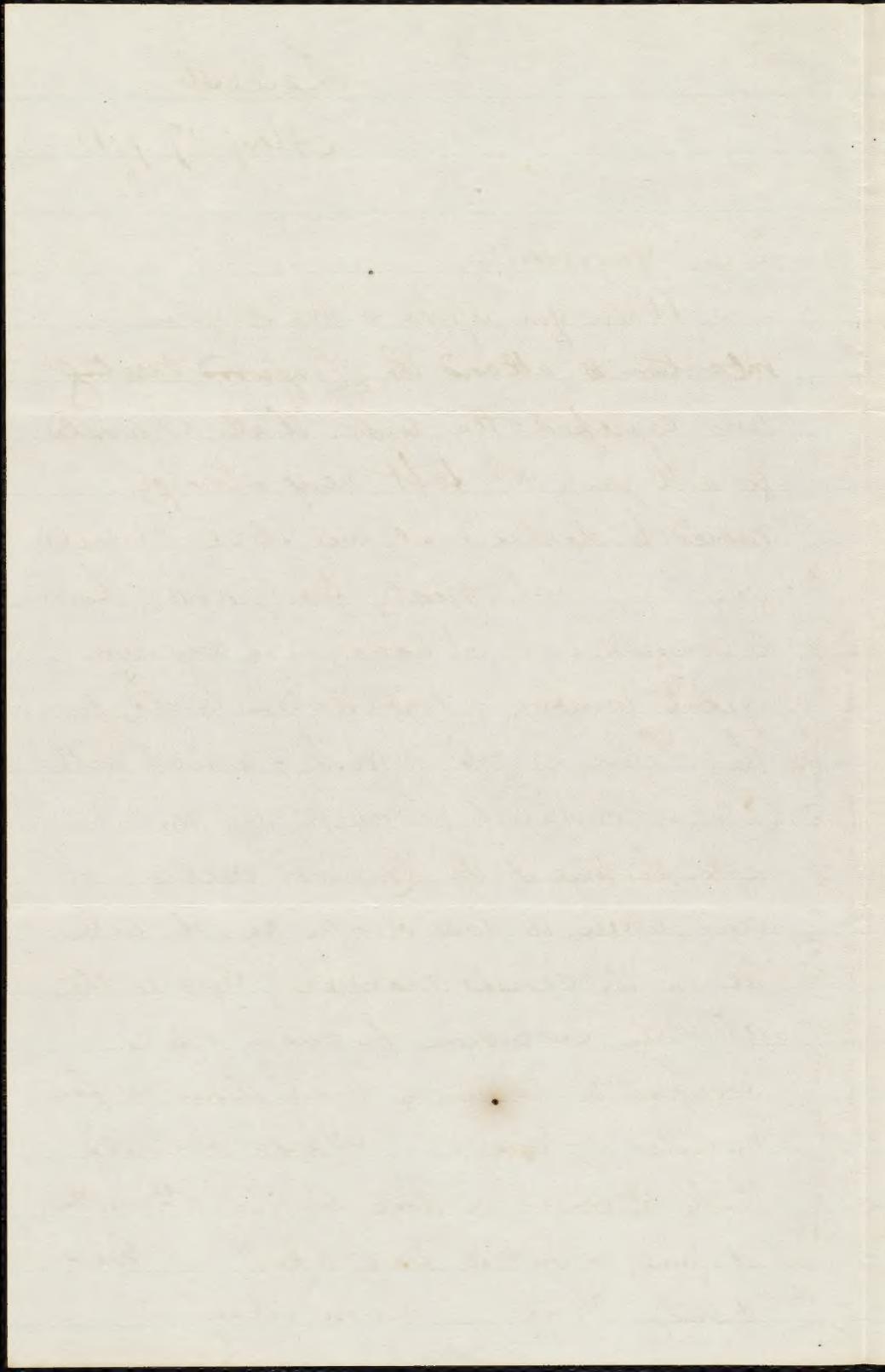
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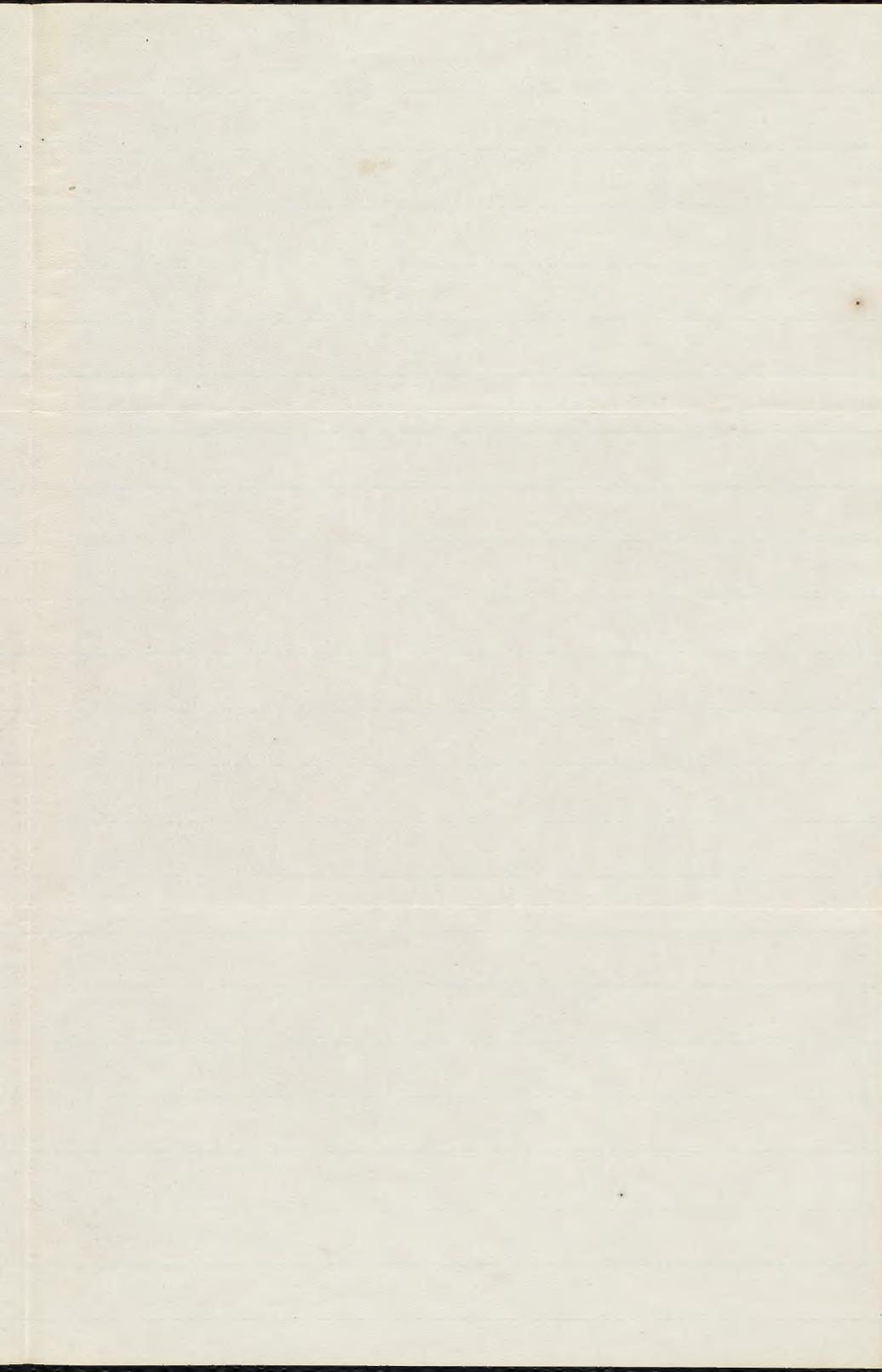
Dear Garrison,

16 When you spoke to me of your intention to attend the Longwood Meeting, and expressed the wish that I would go with you, I felt very strongly moved to declare at once that I would

I greatly fear, now, that I cannot. I have, - to my own great wonder, - undertaken to do, for the Town, a job of work, which will (almost certainly) occupy me until after the time of the Longwood Meeting, - and, while it does occupy me, it will be in the closest manner, and to the absolute exclusion of every other occupation, requiring more than a few minutes of time. I wish I could think it would be done by the 5th or 6th of June, - but it isn't likely. Ever & truly Yours Saml May.

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